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## Division Gains Two New Camps This Year

The South Carolina Division continues to grow along with the national Sons of Confederate Veterans. The SC Div. has chartered two new Camps and is organizing two more.

**Div. Com. Robert Brown** (above right) presented the Major James Lide Coker Camp No. 1529 its charter on 5 Jan 1991 to Camp Commander **Dale Lambert**. The Camp is located in Hartsville.

At the ceremony a history of Major James Lide Coker, a Hartsville war hero, was given by his grandson **Mr. Edgar Lawton**. **Mr. Frank McKain** of the War Between the States Mu-

seum in Florence provided a display of memorabilia, and reenactors of COMPANY E, 8TH SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS and COMPANY K, of the 23RD served as color guard. The ladies of the local United Daughters of the Confederacy provided refreshments.

A few days later the General Martin W. Gray Camp, No. 1532 was chartered 10 January 1991 in Edgefield County. **Com. Tom Plowden** accepted the charter from **Div. Com. Robert Brown** in ceremonies at the Oakly Park Plantation House.

On 3 April **Com. Brown** along with several Compatriots

from Anderson and Greenville visited the Private Chumley Camp being organized at Clemson University.

**Com. Brown** addressed the members, composed of eight students and a retired Chemistry professor, about the purpose of the SCV and the organization of a Camp.

After reviewing their applications **Com. Brown** inducted them into the SCV and authorized their charter application. The charter is expected to be granted in the fall when classes resume.

Plans are also under way to charter a second Camp in the Greater Charleston area, and a Camp in Abbeville.

The Charleston Camp is being organized by **Randy Burbage** and will be called the Secession Camp. Charleston is the most populated metropolitan area in South Carolina.

## State Memorial Day services to be held in Columbia

Saturday  
11 May 1991  
Elmwood Cemetery

see page 2 for details



# Compatriots Care for Church's Cemetery Graves

*Compatriots marked the graves of ten Confederate soldiers buried in Aiken*

On 9 March 1991 Compatriots of the General Wade Hampton Camp of Columbia and the General Martin W. Gary Camp of Edgefield installed ten government issued tombstones to mark the graves of Confederate soldiers buried in the St. Thaddeus Church cemetery in Aiken. This was part of a project the church had undertaken to mark all the graves in the cemetery.

Dennis Todd and E.M. Clark, two compatriots of the Wade Hampton Camp, and Mr. Terry Britt also worked to straighten the three ton Confederate monument erected in the Confederate Section of Elmwood cemetery in Columbia. After first leveling the stone, a new poured-concrete foundation was installed. This foundation provides a more stable base for the monument.

The Wade Hampton Camp has also installed an SCV marker on the headstone of the late Thaddeus P. Raines, Jr., Real Son. Cmt. Raines was a veteran of World War II and the son of Thaddeus P. Raines who fought with the 14TH SOUTH CAROLINA INFANTRY. Three Real Sons remain Compatriots of the Wade Hampton Camp.

## Anderson Announces Annual Affair

The PALMETTO SHARPSHOOTERS CAMP will host their annual "Southern Heritage Dinner" at the Calhoun Hotel in downtown Anderson 2 May 1991 at 7:00. The dinner will feature a talk on Manse Jolley of Anderson by Dr. McCurry of Charleston.

Reservations are available for \$15.00 from Adjutant Al Stokes (Res. 226-3144 after 4 PM).

## State SCV Schedules Memorial Day

The South Carolina Division Memorial Day will be Saturday 11 May 1991 in Columbia. The services will commence at 10:30 in the Confederate Section of Elmwood Cemetery. After a brief service, participants will proceed through downtown Columbia to the State House grounds.

At noon State Senator John Courson will deliver the keynote address from the steps of the Capitol. Sens. Glenn McConnell and Joe Wilson will also speak.



Standing left to right are: Dennis E. Todd, E.M. Clark, Buck Carpenter, Charles R. Clark, Miles Johnson, Tom Plowden, David L. Corbin, Richard M. Freeman, H.A. McClearen, Wayne Shealy, S. Owen Sheetz, and Sam Padgett. Kneeling left to right are: Scott Turner and sons, and Eric Wiggins.

## Kinard Camp Cleans County

The John M. Kinard Camp of Newberry has decided to participate in the South Carolina Highway Department's "Adopt-a-Highway" program, becoming the first South Carolina Camp to do so. According to Camp Commander Will Culbreath, the sign "provides us with some good publicity in the county, and it serves as an excellent advertisement for the SCV." The Compa-

triot are also helping to keep their community clean and safe.

The particular stretch of highway is on South Carolina Highway 34 leaving Newberry and heading towards Winnsboro. The Camp collects litter twice a year along this road using supplies and equipment provided by the Highway Department.

About twenty groups in Newberry County have adopted some part of the county's roads; others work elsewhere in the State, but, the Kinard Camp is the only SCV Camp to do so thus far.



## Re-enactors Present Living History for School's Heritage Day

Members of the PALMETTO LIGHT ARTILLERY and the 2ND SOUTH CAROLINA CAVALRY camped at Skyland Elementary School in northern Greenville county on March 23 and 24 as part of the school's "Heritage Day".

On Friday the re-enactors shared with the children the proper role that the Confederate soldier played during the War including the soldier's authentic uniform, weapons, and living conditions.

The children were also treated to a demonstration of nineteenth-century artillery and cavalry tactics. However, most importantly, the re-enactors taught the children that the Cause was worth fighting for then and is worth remembering today.

On Saturday, the two units

that sold various articles including a "no-sherman" T-shirt featuring a picture of Sherman with a red circle around his head and a cross bar through his face. The Ladies Auxillary's latest project is to purchase a cannon which will be owned by the unit.

The school also sponsored a craft show which featured local artists and included a display of Southern memorabilia by Cmt. Bert Miller and a Confederate

flag display by Cmt. Jim Cevasco. The remainder of Saturday was filled with cannon drills and cavalry charges that delighted those in attendance.

The two day event had a good attendance and the support given by the residents of that community was greatly appreciated.

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continued their living history for the benefit of the local residents. The PALMETTO LIGHT ARTILLERY Ladies Auxillary sponsored a tent

## What's In A Name?

The Congressional Record of March 2, 1928, reports Senate Joint Resoulution No. 41 wherein Congress recognized the title 'War Between the States' as proper.

"A war was waged from 1861 to 1865 between two organized governments: the United States of America, and the Confederate States of America. These were the official titles of the contending parties. It was not a "Civil War", as it was not fought between two parties within the same government. It was not a "War of Secession", for the Southern States seceded without a thought of war.

The right of a State to secede had never been questioned. It was not a "War of Rebellion" for sovereign, independent States, co-equal, cannot rebel against each other. It was a War between the States, because twenty-two non-seceding States made war upon eleven seceding States to force them back into the Union of States. It was not until after the surrender of 1865 that secession was decided to be unconstitutional.

## Funds Sought for Bust of General Gist

The Franklin Memorial Association is accepting donations to commission a life-size bronze bust of General States Rights Gist. According to Ronald T. Clemmens, the bust, when completed, will be donated to the Carter House Museum in Franklin, Tenn.

The bust of General Gist is scheduled for unveiling this spring. Clemmens said that anyone who makes a donation of \$50

or more will receive a copy of a limited edition reprint of "The Battle of Franklin" by Robert W. Banks, a Confederate soldier who participated in that battle.

Contributions can be made to the Franklin Memorial Association,

P.O. Box 1641  
Murfreesboro, TN  
37133.

For more information call (615) 895-1490.

## Sixteenth Celebrates Twenty-fifth

The 16TH REGIMENT, SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS Camp in Greenville celebrated it's Silver Anniversary in December with a gala ball featuring the 8TH REGIMENT BAND, GEORGIA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY. The ball, which was held at the Poinsett Club, was attended by about a hundred people.

The January meeting was the Camp's annual Lee & Jackson Birthday Dinner. Past-Com. Vance Drawdy spoke on the "Legality of Secession".



# President Jefferson Davis's Inaugural Address

*edited by Gene Brooks*

"We have entered upon the career of independence, and it must be inflexibly pursued. Through many years of controversy with our late associates of the Northern States we have endeavored to secure tranquility and obtain respect for the rights to which we were entitled. As a necessity, not a choice, we have resorted to the remedy of separation, and henceforth, our energies must be directed to the conduct of our own affairs, and the perpetuity of the Confederacy which we have formed. With a constitution differing only from that of our fathers' in so far as it is explanatory of their well-known intent,

freed from sectional conflicts, which have interfered with the pursuit of the general welfare, it is not unreasonable to expect that the States from which we have recently parted may seek to reunite their fortunes to ours under the government which we have instituted. For this your constitution makes adequate provision; but beyond this, if I mistake not the judgement and will of the people, a reunion with the States from which we have recently separated is neither practicable nor desirable.

*Prov. Pres. Jefferson Davis  
Excerpt of Inaugural Address*

## Famous Quotes

### An Inflammable Appraisal

Sherman is "a ravisher, incendiary, and thief who has a hyena's soul lurking in a fowl mass of corruption which has shaped itself into humanity."

*Macon Telegraph Fall 1864.*

### An Eloquent Appraisal

He [R.E. Lee] was conspicuous... for never having uttered a word among his most

intimate associates that might not have been spoken in the presence of the most refined woman.

*Unknown.*

### An Elephant Appraisal

"Nonsense. They couldn't hit an elephant at this distance."

*The last words of Union Maj. Gen. John Sedgewick, speaking of Confederate sharpshooters of whom his men had warned him, at Spotsylvania May 1864.*

## WHAT IS THE SCV?

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is an association of male descendants of the men who served in the army or navy of the Confederate States of America. It is a historical and educational organization and is not affiliated with any other organization.

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